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NATIONAL BIORESOURCES DEVELOPMENT BOARD
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the programmes/projects accorded sanction in principle relating to identifying biologicals resources in the country in the meeting of National Bio-Resources Development Board held recently;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up Research Centre of the Board in backward areas ofthe country, especially Chhattisgarh;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) : The National Bioresource Development Board (NBDB) has initiated programmes along two main approaches: resource-based approach and region-based approach. Resource-based approach includes preparation of digitized inventories of bioresources-plant, animal, microbial and marine. Region-based approach is to develop special programmes for critical regions of the country- the hill ecosystems, north-eastern region, desert ecosystem, coastal & marine ecosystem, Peninsular India etc. The Board has sanctioned the following three projects till date:
(i) A Digitized Inventory of Economically Important Plant Resources to be coordinated at Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Bangalore;
(ii) A project on Capacity Building and Economic Upliftment With Particular Reference to Women of The Indian Himalayan Region at G. B. Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment & Development, Kosi-Katarmal, Almora and
(iii) Integrated Programme on Conservation, Invertorisation and Enhancement of Coastal Bioresources to M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai.

(b), (c) & (d) : The Government has also approved the establishment of an Institute of Bioresources and Sustainable Development at Imphal.As of now there is no proposal to set up a research center of the Board in Chattisgarh.